

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1951Urban District of Bowdon.

Section. A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Area of the Urban District of Bowdon is 1090 acres. The Registrar-General's estimate of the population is 3,440

The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1950 according to the rate book was approximately 1,100.

The Rateable Value of the District is £ 41.102 and the sum represented by a penny rate is £163.

The Social Conditions are good. The District is almost entirely residential and there is no industry of note.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u> (Legitimate)	52	28	24.
(Illegitimate)	4	4	-
	<u>56</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>24.</u>
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<u>Still Births.</u>	3.	2.	1.

<u>BIRTH RATE</u> per 1000 of estimate population	16.28.
Standardised Birth Rate	16.28

DEATHS.

<u>Total No. of Deaths in District</u>	50.
<u>Death Rate</u> per 1000 of the estimated total population.	14.53
Standardised DEATH rate	11.77.
<u>Deaths from puerperal Causes</u>	
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other puerperal Causes	Nil
Death Rate (Puerperal Causes) per 1000 total Births.	Nil.
Total No of Deaths of Infants (Under 1 Yr.)	3
Total No of Deaths from MEASLES(ALL AGES)	Nil
" " " " " WHOOPING COUGH(All Ages)	Nil
" " " " " DIARRHOEA(Under 2 Yrs)	Nil.
" " " " " MALIGNANT N OPLASMS (All Ages)	5.

The population figures given are home population, and the births and deaths rates are based on this population. The standardised births and deaths rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, giving a fairer basis for comparison with those of other areas.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA
NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE
CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the
National Health Service Act 1946.

1. Hospital Services.

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board
 Local Hospitals - Administered by North West and Mid Cheshire
 Hospital Management Committee.

Secretary- Mr. A.E. Bidon, Administrative Offices, Altrincham
 Maternity Home, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.

Hospital Serving the Area:-

General Acute Cases- Altrincham General Hospital and
 Denzell (Convalescent)

General Chronic Cases-Cranford Lodge, Knutsford.

Other Chronic cases are generally taken to

Arclid Hospital- Sandbach
 The Barony Hospital, Nantwich } South Cheshire

Maternity Hospitals: Altrincham Maternity Hospital, Sinderland Road, Altrincham.
 Southfield, Langham Road, Bowdon

Ear Nose & Throat St. Annes Home Woodville Rd, Altrincham

Infectious Diseases Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manches-
 Small Pox. Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, (ter.

Nr. Bury Lancs.

A large proportion of cases from Bowdon are treated in the
 Manchester hospitals.

2. General Practitioner & General Dental Services

Controlling Body: Divisional Health Service Executive for
 Clerk- Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas St. Chester. Cheshire

3. Services of Local Health Authority- Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Service

2. Immunisation & Vaccination- Bowdon Vale Clinic, Vicarage Lane
 2nd & 4th Thursday in the Month.

3. Care & After Care

4. Maternity & Child Welfare- Bowdon Vale Clinic 2nd & 4th
 Thursday in the Month.

5. Domiciliary Midwifery & District Nursing

6. Dental Service- Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Pre-
 School Children.

7. Home Help Service.

8. Mental Health Service Duly Authorised Officer for Mental
 Health: Mr Driver, 1 Claremont Rd, Sale

These services are administered partly by the County Health
 Committee and are partly under the control of the Divisional
 Health Committee.

The Divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon
 U.D.C., Altrincham M.B. Knutsford U.D.C. and Bollington R.D.C. &
 includes members of these Authorities, Members of the County
 Council & coopted Members.

The Divisional Medical Officer is Dr. D Longbottom. The Moun-
 lands, The Mount, Altrincham

B. Other Services by Other Committees of Cheshire County Council

1. Education Committee School Health Service including School
 Dental Service

2. Welfare Committee. Old Persons, care & attention-homeless
 handicapped persons provision for res-
 idential accomodation.

County Welfare Officer: Mr. Evans Hough Green, Chester

3 Childrens Committee Provides for the care of Deprived children.
 i.e. Children not under parental care
 Childrens Officer. Miss Kirby, Council Offices MBxton Rd.
 Knutsford.

Section B. (Cont)

The Sanitary Inspector who also acts as Surveyor, is a whole time official. This position is filled by Mr A.E. Shimmings who holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the S.I.E.J. Board and the Meat Inspectors Certificate (R.S.I.)

- Laboratory Facilities. Specimens for examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratories Monsall Hospital, Manchester

Section C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA,

Water is supplied by the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department. Both Quality & Quantity have been satisfactory throughout the year.

Section D. PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

There was 3 Deaths from Pneumonia during the year
" " 1 Death " Bronchitis " " "

During the year there was 5 Deaths from malignant Neoplasms
The localisation was as follows:-

Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1
" " " Bronchus	1
" " " Breast	-
" " " Uterus.	-
" " " Other Sites	3

The Infectious Diseases Notified were as listed under;-

Scarlet Fever	Nil
Whooping Cough	11
Acute Poliomyelitis.	Nil
Measles.	24.
Diphtheria	Nil.
Ac. Pneumonia	2
Dysentery	4
Small Pox	Nil
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	Nil
Acute Encephalitis.	Nil
Paratyphoid Fever.	Nil
Erysipelas.	Nil
Food Poisoning	Nil

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D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

BOWDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1951.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Bowdon Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary
Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

The whole of the District is supplied from the Manchester Corporation mains. The supply in all cases is direct to the house.

Fifty five samples were collected on the direct distributed supply during the year and all these were free from coliform bacteria.

Plumbo Solvency. The Thirlmere lake has a low plumbo-solvent action, but nevertheless it is neutralised with hydrated lime so as to raise the pH value upon distribution to 7.0 to 7.5. The amount of lead picked up from lead service pipes after over-night contact does not exceed 0.2 p.p.m. as Pb.

Sewerage & Drainage.

Small amounts of defective drains and sewers have been found & remedied during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and other Insect Pests.

No cases of bug infestation were discovered during the year.

22 Wasps nests were destroyed. The Departments help was asked for in the elimination of other pests when D.D.T., Gammexene and other remedies were supplied.

Infectious Diseases.

Very few cases of Notifiable Infectious Diseases occurred during the year. In most cases they were treated at home.

Factories Act 1937.

No Action has been necessary under Part 1, Section 1-11 and Part 8 Section 110 & 111 of this Act.

Inspection of Food.

(a) Milk Supply There are six producers in the area. These premises were constantly inspected. No adulteration has been reported and no action has been necessary.

(b). Inspection of Meat & other Foods. Frequent visits of inspection to food shops were made. There is only one Butchers shop in the area, the meat being obtained from Altrincham. No animals have been slaughtered for human consumption in the District. There are no restaurant, kitchen or food Factories in the District.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks. Nil.

Foodstuffs Surrendered.

The following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and certified as unfit for human consumption.

Tinned	Fish	10	Tins
"	Vegetables	5	"
"	Fruit	73	"
"	Ham	2	
"	Luncheon Meat	23	
"	Fat.	3	



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Tinned Jam	1	Tin
" Meat (Kidneys)	5	"
" Milk	7	"

Handling, Wrapping of Foodstuffs.

Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act 1938 were brought into operation during the year. No prosecution has been necessary.

Slaughter of Animals Act. 1933

There are no registered slaughter houses or knackers Yards in the Area.

Rodent Control.

Under the Rats & Mice (Destruction) Acts 1919 the County Council are responsible for the enforcement of the Act.

The County Council have delegated their powers to this Council and the Sanitary Inspector acts as Rodent Officer.

Two of the Council's workmen have attended courses of instruction in Rodent Control and their services are utilised in this work as and when required.

The Ministry of Foods recommended methods are used.

Sewer tests are taken at 6 monthly intervals and the results have been gratifying.

The Council's Refuse Tip, Sewage Farm and Towns Yard are baited monthly as a routine matter and at other times if found necessary

No serious infestations have been found or reported. The usual cases reported are of occasional rats infesting hen runs, these have been found usually in the outlying district and have been speedily dealt with.

I am, gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. E. SHIMMINGS.

Sanitary Inspector.

